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POLYELECTROLYTE MULTILAYER COATINGS FOR
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Art Unit: 3738

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed February 8, 2006 in the above matter. A response to the Office Action is due 1 month or thirty (30) days, whichever is longer, from the mailing date, i.e., March 10, 2006; thus this Response is being timely filed.

In accordance with that Office Action, Applicant is requested under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. The species listed in the Office Action are as follows:

Species I: Figures 3A-3E,
Species II: Figures 4A-4E,

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Species III: Figures 5A-5D, and
Species IV: Figures 6A-6D.

Applicant hereby elects Species I, Figures 3A-3E and their associated description for further prosecution on the merits. Claims 1-19 and 21-31 are readable upon Species I. Applicant notes that upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species provided by 37 C.F.R. 1.141.

Should the Examiner be of the view that an interview would expedite consideration of the application, request is made that the Examiner telephone the Applicant's attorney at (908) 518-7700, ext. 7 in order that any outstanding issues be resolved.

The Office is authorized to charge any fees required, to deposit account number 50-1047.

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